What’s New in September

Apply for a 2019 Culture & Heritage Grant!
We’re now accepting 2019 applications for:
- Culture & Heritage Operating Grants
- Culture & Heritage Project Grants
- Downtown Event Revitalization Grants

Deadline for nominations is Monday, October 22, 2018
(no later than 4:00 pm)
We are seeking public nominations for the 2019 Culture & Heritage Awards. The awards recognize outstanding organizations, groups and individuals in the culture & heritage fields. There are five categories:
- Excellence in Culture
- Honour in Culture
- Emerging Cultural Leader
- Honour in Heritage
- John Thomson Heritage Memorial

Nomination forms are available online (www.nanaimo.ca/culture-environment/awards) or by contacting us directly. Questions?
Contact us at cultureandheritage@nanaimo.ca or 250-755-4483.

Calling all artists! Submit a proposal to the 2019 Temporary Public Art Program
Deadline for proposals is Monday, October 22, 2018
(no later than 3:00 pm)
We are currently seeking proposals for temporary outdoor art for display in public places beginning in 2019. All artists are invited to submit their proposals through “CALL FOR ARTISTS FOR TEMPORARY OUTDOOR ART NO. 2258”, which is available on the City’s website at www.nanaimo.ca/bid-opportunities.

The call is open to all artists who live in Canada. Participants do not have to be a professional artist to submit a proposal. Questions?
Contact us at cultureandheritage@nanaimo.ca or 250-755-4483.
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Apply for a 2019 Culture & Heritage Grant
(Project or Operating)

Deadline for applications is Monday, October 15, 2018
(no later than 4:00 pm)

We are currently accepting applications from community non-profit
ultural organizations seeking financial assistance to support their
2019 operations, projects and/or events. Funds are available under
two grants:

   Culture & Heritage Operating Grants
   Culture & Heritage Project Grants

Guidelines, criteria and application forms are available online
(www.nanaimo.ca/culture-environment/grants) or by contacting us
directly.

Please Note: Groups that have received funding in previous years
are required to submit a final report before applying for new funds.

Apply for a 2019 Downtown Event Revitalization Grant

Deadline for applications is Monday, October 22, 2018
(no later than 4:00 pm)

We are currently seeking applications from community
organizations looking for financial assistance to support events
and initiatives in downtown Nanaimo.

Guidelines, criteria and application forms are available online
(www.nanaimo.ca/culture-environment/grants) or by contacting
us directly.

Please Note: Groups that have received funding in previous
years are required to submit a final report before applying for
new funds.

Save the Date! Living History Speaker Series

October 9, 16, 23, 30 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm (Nanaimo Rugby Club, 6700 Dover Road)

Please join us for four wonderful nights of speakers sharing stories about their personal history and
about the history of Vancouver Island. This FREE event will be held on the last four Tuesdays in
October (October 9, 16, 23, 30) from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, and everyone is welcome to attend. Featured
speakers will be announced closer to the date. Questions? Contact Social Planning at 250-755-4464.

Heritage Nanaimo Poster Available

Posters available for FREE upon request

Check out the newly created heritage poster featuring a series of historical photographs of
Nanaimo’s key historical buildings and sites (existing and no longer existing).

The purpose of the poster is to raise awareness of Nanaimo’s rich historical building and site
legacy – past and present – through some of the cooler historical photos we have on file with the
Community Archives and Museum.

If you would like to pick up your own poster FREE of charge, Contact us at
cultureandheritage@nanaimo.ca or 250-755-4483.
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Seeking poems for the Poetry in Transit Program

Submit your poems based on the theme “Caring for Others” for the chance to have your poem displayed on a City bus.

The City of Nanaimo’s Poet Laureate invites you to send your short poems, prose poems or excerpts from longer poems to the “Poetry in Transit” Program. The theme is “Caring for Others”. Through this call for poetry, poets will contribute works that are in some way related to a particular point, a site in Nanaimo or the experiences shared while caring for others.

“Let’s celebrate poetry and hear your voices. Share your poetry stories about Nanaimo with many passengers who ride the bus every day”, said Tina Biello, Nanaimo Poet Laureate.

There is no deadline, so keep those poems coming.

Full poem submission details are available online at www.nanaimo.ca/culture-environment/poetry/poetry-in-transit-program. Questions? Contact us at callingallpoets@nanaimo.ca or 250-755-4483.

Apply to be Nanaimo’s next Youth Poet Laureate!

Deadline for applications is Monday, October 15, 2018 (no later than 4:00 pm)

We’re calling all youth poets to apply to be Nanaimo’s next Youth Poet Laureate. The purpose of a Youth Poet Laureate is to serve as a “young people’s poet” and to raise awareness of poetry, the literary arts and the positive impact literature and poetry can have on community life.

In 2017, the City selected Kailey DeFehr as Nanaimo’s first Youth Poet Laureate for a two-year term. We are now seeking applications for the next Youth Poet Laureate (ages 13-21 years) (term to begin in January 2019).

Full application details are available online at www.nanaimo.ca/culture-environment/poetry/youth-poet-laureate or by contacting us directly. Questions? Contact us at cultureandheritage@nanaimo.ca or 250-755-4483.

2018/19 Poet Laureate Reading Series

November 17, February 16, April 20 & June 15

Mark your calendars for the upcoming 2018/19 Poet Laureate Reading Series. Join Nanaimo’s Poet Laureate, Tina Biello every 3rd Saturday, every 2nd month at 1:00 pm at the Harbourfront Library to enjoy readings by local poets. See poster for details. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event.

Questions? Contact us at cultureandheritage@nanaimo.ca or 250-755-4483.
Tommy Douglas Plaque Installed

A plaque dedicated to the memory of the Honourable Tommy Douglas has been installed downtown on City-owned land in a planter next to the Bastion (facing onto Front St). “The City was pleased to provide a site for the installation of this donated plaque commemorating one of Canada’s most iconic politicians and his service as a member of parliament for the Nanaimo region,” said Mayor Bill McKay.

In 2017, the City of Nanaimo was approached by a local citizen with a request to install a donated memorial plaque recognizing the service of the Honourable Tommy Douglas both locally and nationally, and to remember the positive, lasting impression he left both as a federal representative of Nanaimo and as a Canadian politician. The plaque recognizes Tommy Douglas’ following accomplishments:

- His role as first leader of the New Democratic Party 1961-1971;
- His role as Member of Parliament for the Nanaimo-Cowichan-Islands riding 1969-1979;
- His receipt of “Freedom of the City” by the City of Nanaimo on May 25, 1981; and
- His selection as the “Greatest Canadian” through a Canada-wide CBC poll in January, 2004.

The plaque was publicly unveiled on July 31 in a ceremony attended by local MLAs Leonard Krog and Doug Routley and MP Sheila Malcolmson.

Nanaimo Art Gallery presents:
A project for the Heart of Nanaimo

The Nanaimo Art Gallery’s 45-day community giving campaign, called A Project for the Heart of Nanaimo, came to a successful conclusion on September 15, raising a total of $23,400 and far exceeding the original goal of $10k.

The campaign wrapped up on a high note, with a final generous gift of $10,000 from The Stanley de Vos Fund at the Nanaimo Foundation. In total, 78 contributions were received, many from Nanaimo and areas on Vancouver Island, and several from other parts of BC, as well as out-of-province.

Funds will support the creation, installation and acquisition of the sculpture, Supernatural Eagle Bringing the Sun Back to the World The Gallery commissioned the work, which is currently being carved from cedar by father and son team Joel and William Good who are renowned artists and members of the Snuneymuxw First Nation. Alongside the artwork, the Gallery is undertaking a companion project to upgrade its entranceway and exterior, adding new lighting, new doors, and fresh signage for both the Art Gallery and Art Lab. These improvements are designed to enhance and update the Gallery’s presence on Commercial Street. and to make the entryway more accessible, welcoming and distinctive.

Other major donations from the community came from Ramsay Lampman Rhodes and the Rotary Club of Nanaimo. In addition to funds raised through the community campaign, The City of Nanaimo, who owns the building at 150 Commercial, has made a contribution to assist with building upgrades. The project is also funded in part by the Government of Canada.  [CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE]
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After more than a year of planning, the work is expected to be completed in the next several weeks. A public celebration will be held in mid-October to honour the artists, Joel and William Good, celebrate the new sculpture, and to acknowledge the support of project contributors.

In the heart of Nanaimo, on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw people, this project is part of Nanaimo Art Gallery’s 2018 inquiry, how can we speak differently? In Hul’q’umi’num, scekwul yuxw’a/u kws nec’s tu sqwal ct.

For more information, contact Julie Bevan, Executive Director at julieb@nanaimogallery.ca or 250-754-1750.

Hub City Cinema Society presents: CINEFEST 2018

September 26 & 27 @ Avalon Cinema (various times)

Hub City Cinema Society wants to make sure you know about their film festival CINEFEST coming up on September 26 and 27. Their most exciting event yet because it’s being held at the Avalon movie theatre! There are two shows, one each night. For full details, visit www.hubcitycinema.ca.

Nanaimo Museum presents:
Fall Programming

• Kids Celebrate
  (September 12 to November 24)

• By Lantern Light: Tales from the Lantern Tour
  (September 1 to Nov. 1)

• Saturdays On Beat: Sounds of Celebration
  (September 28 & 29)

• Brother XII Followers Presentation
  (October 16 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm)

Some of these events require pre-registration. For full details and to register, visit www.nanaimomuseum.ca.

Connect With Us

Our office is open Monday to Friday, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact us:

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